## **Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A two-dimensional photonic crystal multiplexer/demultiplexer, which is characterized by: comprising:
  - a) a slab-shaped body;
- a plurality of areas arranged in a lattice pattern with a predetermined cycle within the body, where a refractive index of the aforementioned areas differs from that of the body;
- c) a first optical input/output section consisting of a waveguide formed in the body, where the waveguide is made of a linear defect of the-modified refractive index areas;
  - d) a second optical input/output section formed in the body; and
- e) two or more two point-like defect resonators composed of point-like defects having substantially the same resonance wavelength and arranged in series between the first and second optical input/output sections, each point-like defect consisting of a point-like region devoid of the modified refractive index areas.areas.

wherein a value of a coupling ratio defined as  $\mu^2/[(\omega_0/2)\times(1/Q_{in}+1/Q_v)]^2$  is 0.2~10, where  $\omega_0$  is a resonance frequency of the point-like defect resonators,  $Q_{in}$  is a Q-value between one of the first and second optical input/output sections and the point-like defect resonator closest to the section,  $Q_v$  is a Q-value between each of the point-like defect resonators and an outside of the crystal, and  $\mu$  is a mutual coupling coefficient between the point-like defect resonators.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The two-dimensional photonic crystal multiplexer/demultiplexer according to claim 1, which is characterized in that wherein the second optical input/output section is a point-like defect whose Q-value with respect to an outside of the crystal is smaller than that of the point-like defect resonators.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The two-dimensional photonic crystal multiplexer/demultiplexer according to claim 2, which is characterized in that wherein at least one of the point-like resonators is a donor type defect formed by eliminating one or more of the modified refractive index areas.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The two-dimensional photonic crystal multiplexer/demultiplexer according to claim 1, which is characterized in that wherein the second optical input/output section is a waveguide consisting of a linear defect of the modified refractive index areas.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The two-dimensional photonic crystal multiplexer/demultiplexer according to claim 4, which is characterized in that wherein the second optical input/output section is provided with a second reflecting section for reflecting light whose wavelength equals to the aforementioned resonance wavelength.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The two-dimensional photonic crystal multiplexer/demultiplexer according to claim 1, which is characterized in that wherein the first optical input/output section is provided with a first reflecting section for reflecting light whose wavelength equals to the aforementioned resonance wavelength.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The two-dimensional photonic crystal multiplexer/demultiplexer according to claim 5, which is characterized in that:wherein: the body is composed of plural forbidden band zones, with modified refractive index areas being formed within each forbidden band zones with a different arrangement cycle;

the first optical input/output section or the second optical input/output section is formed so that it passes through all the forbidden band zones; and

the resonance wavelength of the point-like defect resonators falls within a transmission wavelength band of the waveguide of the first or second optical input/output section in a forbidden band zone including the point-like defect resonators, whereas it is out of the transmission wavelength band of the waveguide in any other forbidden band zone.

8. (Currently Amended) The two-dimensional photonic crystal multiplexer/demultiplexer according to claim 1, which is characterized in that; wherein there are exactly two point-like defect resonators; and the two-the point-like defect resonators and the two-optical input/output sections are symmetrically arranged with respect to a point.

- 9. (Currently Amended) The two-dimensional photonic crystal multiplexer/demultiplexer according to claim 1, which is characterized in that wherein one or more of the modified refractive index areas located in a proximity of the point-like defect resonators are shifted from positions determined by the aforementioned-arrangement cycle.
  - 10. (Canceled)